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OPTICAL DISK DATA ERASING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL DISK DATA ERASING METHOD

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Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claims the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-44451, filed February 21, 2001, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 9, 2001, submitted herewith is the required Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00, required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice.

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Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Late filing of executed Declaration\$130.00

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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